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Chairman: Mr. DIPANDA MOUELLE

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The public meeting was called to order at 4.35 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS ACTIVITIES (agenda item 11) (CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.1-8 and CAT/C/XII/CRP.2)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the draft report.

Chapter 1 - Organizational and other matters (CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.1)

2. Document CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.1 was adopted.

Chapter II - Action by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.2)

3. Document CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.2 was adopted.

Chapter III - Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention (CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.3)

4. Document CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.3 was adopted.

Chapter IV - Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention (CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.4)

5. Mr. BRUNI (Secretary of the Committee) pointed out that the text of the Committee's findings as reflected in the summary record was subject to minor editorial amendments before final printing, which would explain the very small discrepancies that sometimes appeared.

6. Document CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.4 was adopted.

Chapter IV - Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention (continued) (CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.5)

7. Mr. BURNS, referring to paragraph 43 (b), said that "seem" should be changed to "seen".

8. Document CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.5, as amended, was adopted.

Chapter V - Activities of the Committee under article 20 of the Convention (CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.6)

9. Document CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.6 was adopted.

Chapter VI - Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention (CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.7)

10. Mr. SORENSEN (Rapporteur) suggested that the Committee should at some future date discuss possible improvements in the way the Committee's activities under article 22 were reflected in the annual report. However, the present text fully met the Committee's current requirements.

11. Mrs. ILIOPOULOS-STRANGAS agreed.

12. Document CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.7 was adopted.

Chapter VII - Adoption of the annual report of the Committee on its activities (CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.8)

13. Mr. SORENSEN (Rapporteur) said that the factual information concerning the meetings at which the report had been considered would be included in the final text.

14. Mrs. ILIOPOULOS-STRANGAS said that the wording of paragraph 2, according to which the Committee's second regular session was held each year "in late November", was not accurate and suggested changing it to "during November". In addition, it was not clear why the annual report had to be adopted during the spring session.

15. Mr. BRUNI (Secretary of the Committee) pointed out that the decision to adopt the annual report during the April session had been taken by the Committee at its first session to ensure that it could be distributed to all delegations to the General Assembly by the following September.

16. Document CAT/C/XII/CRP.1/Add.8 was adopted, with the amendment suggested.

Annexes (CAT/C/XII/CRP.2)

17. Mr. LORENZO, referring to page 5 of the Spanish text, pointed out that Mr. Dipanda Mouelle's term of office was due to expire in 1997, and not 1993 as stated.

18. Mr. BRUNI (Secretary of the Committee) said that the error existed only in the Spanish text and would be corrected. As to the text of the Committee's decisions under article 22 of the Convention, it would be inserted in the final version of the report in due course.

19. Document CAT/C/XII/CRP.2 was adopted, with the amendment referred to.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

20. After an exchange of courtesies, the CHAIRMAN declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.